

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY,
ALLSTATE FIRE & CASUALTY
INSURANCE COMPANY, ALLSTATE
INDEMNITY COMPANY, and ALLSTATE
PROPERTY & CASUALTY INSURANCE
COMPANY,

Petitioners,

-against-

S. ROZENBERG & ASSOCIATES LTD.,

Respondent.

ORDER

20 Misc. 288 (PGG)

PAUL G. GARDEPHE, U.S.D.J.:

WHEREAS currently pending before the Court is Petitioners' motion to compel Respondent S. Rozenberg & Associates Ltd. to comply with a Rule 45 subpoena issued in connection with a pending matter in the Eastern District of New York or, in the alternative, to transfer this action to the Eastern District of New York (Mot. (Dkt. No. 1));

WHEREAS Rule 45(f) allows for a transfer of a subpoena-related motion to the issuing court under "exceptional circumstances," Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(f);

WHEREAS the Court must consider the subpoenaed party's interest in local resolution of subpoena-related motions, see Fed. R. Civ. P. 45, Advisory Committee Notes;

WHEREAS Petitioners served Respondent with the Rule 45 subpoena on May 15, 2020 (Pinzow Decl. (Dkt. No. 3) ¶ 6);

WHEREAS Petitioners served Respondent with the motion papers in this case on August 20, 2020 (Dkt. No. 9);

WHEREAS Respondent has not appeared in this action or otherwise responded to either the subpoena or the motion; and

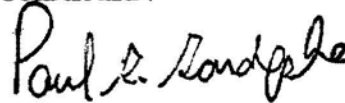
WHEREAS Respondent is located in the Eastern District of New York (Dkt. No. 3-6);

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Petitioners' unopposed motion to transfer this action to the Eastern District of New York is granted. The issuing court has greater familiarity with the legitimate scope of the subpoena, and the Eastern District of New York would appear to be a more convenient forum for Respondent, which is located in that district, should it ever appear to litigate the legitimacy of the subpoena. Accordingly, there is no reason why this action should remain in this district, and there are "exceptional circumstances" warranting such a transfer. Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(f).

The Clerk of Court is respectfully requested to effectuate the transfer immediately, without awaiting the seven-day period specified in Local Civil Rule 83.1.

Dated: New York, New York
September 18, 2020

SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Paul G. Gardephe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first letter "P" is large and loops around the "G". The signature is positioned above a horizontal line.

Paul G. Gardephe
United States District Judge